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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 5

PART B. FOR November

FILE No. 600 of 1903-04.

Levy of acreage contribution on the lands below the Sulekere tank and its feeder channels in lieu of the raiyats' obligation to do the silt clearing and maintenance work annually.

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From the Chief Engineer of Mysore, No. 1393, dated 23rd March 1904.

Forwards Mr. K. Shama Iyengar's petition reporting on the neglected condition of the Sulekere Tank Channels, Channagiri Taluk; and requests early orders on the Deputy Commissioner's proposal to levy an acreage cess of annas 8 from the raiyats holding lands under the channels in lieu of annual silt clearing and maintenance of the same, and also forwards for sanction an estimate amounting to Rs. 3,278 for repairing the channels under the Sulekere tank.

To the Revenue Commissioner, No. R. 3218, dated 26th April 1904.

Forwards for his opinion a copy of the above. (Serial No. 1.)

From the Revenue Commissioner, No. 7247, dated 14th May 1904.

States that the opinion of the leading raiyats of the taluk has been called for, and that for his part, he considers the rate equitable and a measure of the kind essential, where, as in the case of the Sulekere channels, a large number of people have otherwise to co-operate in working over a wide area, and joint action under the circumstances is seldom feasible.

From the Revenue Commissioner, No. 7533, dated 25th May 1904.

Forwards Shimoga Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 440, dated 19th May 1904, and states that it will be seen from that that the owners of lands under the Sulekere tank residing in the villages of Belalgiri, Tavangi, etc., are willing to pay the proposed acreage assessment, while those of Krebilche, Kabbala, etc., plead their inability to pay it.

To the Revenue Commissioner, Chief Engineer, and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Government Order No. R. 4203-12, dated 15th November 1904.

Directs the continuance of the present practice of getting the maintenance work done by the raiyats, as some of the villagers have not agreed to pay the proposed contribution; and observes that the neglect of the Revenue officers to see that the raiyats' liability is enforced seems universal, and is most unsatisfactory, and draws the attention of the Deputy Commissioners to this matter with the remark that neglect of this important duty on the part of anybody will meet with the severest displeasure at the hands of Government.

R. F. 79 of 1894-95. (Section I.)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Levy of an acreage contribution of 8 Annas on the lands below the Sulekhe tank & its feeder channels in lieu of annual silt clearance & maintenance work to be done by ryots

From

The Rev Commr in Mysore

No. 7533 Dated 25.5.04 Received 28.5.04.

Diary No.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

The silt clearance & maintenance work is very much neglected & the state of things are in a deplorable condition. The Chief Eng^r suggests the levy of 8 Annas per acre; but only a few of the ryots agree to pay it.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Chief Engineer says that the practice of levying an acreage contribution from the ryots in lieu of annual silt clearance & maintenance work to be done by them is working very well in the

* Vide Section I.

of R.F. 79 of 94-95 case of Rekhalgere & Bhimabandha Tanks; see Page 26 & W

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says that the present state of the tank & its channels amply justify the ^{conclusion} ~~fact~~ that the Rev: Septe: are unable to enforce the liability of the ryots in the case of big tanks; he is very much in favor of taking them under the Control of the D.P.W.

It will be seen from the D. P. W.'s reply to the Rev: Cont that the ryots of Thyavanogé & Palaligere are willing to contribute at the rate of 8 Annas per acre, whilst those of Kerabiche, Kabbala, Somalapur, & Kathalapuri plead their inability to pay any such contribution on the ground that they are very poor; they state that, if the Govt: attend to the maintenance of the Beund, they would do the usual silt clearance work from what they state, it is clear that these ryots also live at inconvenient distances from the tank & channels.

----- If Govt: feel it inconvenient to allow a part of the work ^{being} done by the ryots

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+ another ^{part} of the S.P.W at the cost of the
rights a common order will have to
issue directing a levy of 8 Annas per
acre on all the wet lands.

The cases of Rekkalgue & Bhimasaundra
tanks are put up for reference

submitted

20/6/04

From the Dy Commr's reply
to the Rev Commissioner it
seems that those who are
unwilling to pay 8 as per acre
for the annual clearance of silt
& earth work predominate over
those who are willing to pay.
But this point is not clear
considering the large area
over which the villagers who have
to do the earth work seem to
be scattered and the difficulty of
enforcing their obligation in this
respect, the proposal of the Chief

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... however seems to afford
the easiest solution of the
difficulty of maintaining the
tank & channels in their proper
condition. A draft sanctioning
is put up for approval on other side
submitted to the Secy

24/8/04

Submitted with a draft

30/8/04.

Draft submitted to the
Dewan Sahib for approval

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Circ^e to Council -

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To the Registrar

Circulate please

26.8.1884

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I agree with the com-
mittees recommendation
that the substitution of
money contribution for

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labor will render the
 bank-maintenance rules
 representing the obligation
 of maintaining the banks
 or could only be enforced
 when Pulladars and
 others deriving indirect-
 benefit, therefore, fail
 to execute their share
 of the work. In this
 case most of the ryots
 are supposed to pay the
 proportionate average contribu-
 tion. It is only an
 default on the part of
 the ryots to do the work
 required of them. The
 cost thereof would be
 borne from them after
 the work is executed and
 by the Patel. To be paid
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council matter for disposal by Circulation.

(Subsequently Considered in Council
Subject. on the 29th ^{Aug})1384
4.9.04

Proposal to levy an acreage contribution of 8 annas on
all the lands below the Sulekere Tank, and its feeder
channels in lieu of annual silt clearance and maintenance
work to be done by the ryots.

For the next meeting
of the Councilund
7.11.04To the
Rao Bahadur
C. Madiah Esq.
29.8.1904

Circulated to Councillors.

By Order,


Secretary.

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27th August 1904

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C. Srinivasiengar Esq., First Councillor. I don't think this
is a profitable matter all concerned are agreeable. The
offer must come from the people themselves. Other-
wise the substitution proposed would not be legally
enforceable.

Rao Bahadur C. Madiah Esq., Second Councillor.

So long as the Rules stand
as they are. It would appear

that the majority of the ryots are
opposed to the change, and the
compulsory levy of contribution
from them would be ultra vires.

In the cases quoted as precedents
there was a voluntary undertaking
by all concerned. It is recommended
29-8-04

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29.8.1904

Submitted to the
Deewan Sahib for orders
G. R. S. 16

3.9.1904

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*Extract from the Proceedings of the 85th Meeting
of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja,
held at Bangalore on the 29th September 1904.*

II. Subject-- (Clause VII of ^{the} Schedule.

Proposal to levy an acreage contribution of 8 annas on all the lands below the Sulekere tank and its feeder channels in lieu of the obligation of the Ryots to do silt-clearing and maintenance work annually.

Opinions of the Dewan and Councillors.

In the two cases (one referring to the lands under the tanks fed by the Rehalgere channel in the Chhallakere Taluk, and the other to the lands under the Boheemasandra tank in the Chitaldurg Taluk) which have been cited as precedents in support of the present proposal, there is the element of consent of the Ryots concerned to pay the acreage contribution, which is entirely wanting in the case under reference, inasmuch as the Ryots of four villages are unwilling to pay the contribution while the Ryots of only two villages have agreed to it. The number of these villagers in one is as few as three and in the other the Pafels' statement is not borne out by the

written statement which he has produced
in behalf of the villagers. Hence the
work of maintenance and Silt-clearing
should be carried out by the Ryots con-
cerned as heretofore under the general
rules of 2^d October 1873, to which attention x. Flag A
has also been drawn in the Govt. Order
(D. P. W) of 7th January 1896, No^x 7-28. x Flag Z
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(Signed) P. N. Krishna Murthy
Dewan of Mysore

Deputy

Secretary

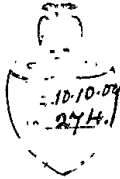
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Submitted to His Highness.

Mr. McHutchin's proposal to commute the liability of the raiyats holding lands under the Sulekere tank and its feeder channels to do the silt clearing and maintenance work annually for an acreage contribution of 8 annas, has much to commend. Under the existing ^{practice} ~~rules~~ however, the levy of the commuted rate cannot be enforced without the unanimous consent of all the land-holders, which is wanting in this case. While a ^{very small} minority are willing to pay the acreage contribution, a large majority are opposed to any change. In these circumstances, the existing practice may continue for the present.

7. 8. 04 *W.H.*

Record of Case submitted for the orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

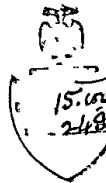


Subject.

Proposed levy of an acreage contribution of
8 annas on the lands below the Sulekere tank and
its feeder channels, in lieu of the ryots' obliga-
tion to do the silt-clearing and maintenance work
annually.

Order.

There appears to be no alternative
but to leave matters as they are. But
the question of taking over the management
of these important irrigation works, referred
to in Mr Hutchins letter of 23-3-04
must be taken up. The neglect of Revenue
officers to see that the ryots liability is
enforced seems universal & is most unsatisfac-
tory, I think the attention of the Dept Commr
of all districts should be called to the matter
in peremptory terms



Draft only letter
to
28/10/04

Draft submitted
to the Dewan Sahib for approval

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18.10.04

Submitted
draft order
14.10.04
28.10.04

K.H.H.
13/10/04
drafted
14.10.04

To Branch I
for a draft
15.10.1904

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5 To the Rev: Comr, Ch: Eng: & Off: Comr of Sts
G.O. No R 4202-12 of 15.11.04

Directs the continuance of the
present practice of getting the work done
by the ryots, with observations regarding
the neglect of Rev: officers to see that
the Ryots' liability is enforced

Mysore Public Works Department
SE. No. 1 Central Office

Diary No R 2834
No. 1893/En. 7

Dated Bangalore 23rd March 1904

From,

W, Mc Hutchin Esquire, M.I.C.E.

Chief Engineer of Mysore

L. Ananthasawmy Rao Esquire, B.A.

Offg secretary to Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments

Sir

I have the honor to forward Mr. K. Shama Wyengar's petition of 20th October 1903, reporting on the neglected condition of the Sulikere Tank channels, Chennagere Taluk, also copies of the marginally noted correspondence regarding repairs needed thereto, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the orders of Government on the proposal made by the Deputy Commissioner to levy an acreage cess of annas 8 from the ryots holding lands under the channels in lieu of annual silt clearing and maintenance of the same. This system was sanctioned in the case of Rekalgere and Bhimasandra Tanks channels, Vide Government Proceedings No. 5903-5/R. 2042 dated 8-2-01, and it may be extended to the channels under reference, if the Deputy Commissioner can induce the ryots to agree thereto. I have already brought this matter to the notice of the Revenue Commissioner in my letter No. 217 of 12-1-04 (copy enclosed)

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See I.

11. I also forward, for orders an estimate amounting to Rs. 3,278 for repairing the channels under the Sulikere tank received from the Superintending Engineer, Western Circle and would invite your attention to the Executive Engineer's report therein, which fully describes the present condition of the channel and clearly discloses the gross neglect of their maintenance by the Revenue Department although a special establishment of a monegar and 6 sowdies have been sanctioned by Government for their supervision. As the work of silt clearing in the right bank channel was considered urgent, the Executive Engineer has been instructed to

to ^{put} ~~pass~~ the work in hand in anticipation of sanction to this estimate

111. I would beg to add that it ~~will~~ is becoming evident that Government will gradually have to take over the management of all the larger irrigation works in the province on similar terms as these referred to in para 1 owing to the inability of the Revenue Department to compel the ryots to maintain them otherwise many cases there will be constant recurring expense every few years on all works restored at large outlay.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Deputy Chief Engineer's

Inspection Notes of 3-1-04 and
4-1-04.

Chief Engineer's No.215 of 12-1-04
to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga Dist:
Deputy Commissioner's No.312 of 2-3-04

1. Report
1. Estimate
1. Petition

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W. H. Hail Captain R.M.
For Chief Engineer of Mysore

A.H.

The Mysore Government,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
Revenue Branch:

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Office Draft. (Docket.)
Serial ^{no 23}
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To

The Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore

Date of passing the draft

Date of despatch

26th April 04

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File No. & date (if any)

R 3218

27. 79-1894

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Has the honour to state

That the Chief Engineer of
Mysore in his letter No 1893 of
23. 3 1904 (copy enclosed for
reference) ^{states} ~~states~~ that he
has ^{brought} ~~been~~ referred to the Hon^{ble}
Rev Commr. The question of
levying an acreage cess of
annas 8/- from the ryots
holding lands under the
Sulekere tank, Channaguri
Taluk and ^{proposes to repair} ~~of repairing~~ the
channels drawn therefrom
at a cost of Rs 3,278/-, they
having been neglected to be
properly maintained ^{is,}
the

The Revenue Department.

The Rev. Comr. is requested
to ~~favor Govt with his opinion on the~~
~~to ~~advise~~ submit his pro-~~ Whole question
~~posals in the matter as~~

early as possible, to enable
Govt to pass orders in the matter. Minister
" By Order

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23/4/04 Offg. Secretary.

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Diary No R 3664 ✓
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No. 7247

OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
 Bangalore, 14 May 1904.
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FROM *J. Ananda Rao, Esquire, B.A.,*
~~V. P. MADHAVA RAO, Esq., C.I.E.,~~
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO
*The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
 the Maharaja of Mysore,
 General and Revenue Departments.*

SIR,

With reference to your Docket No. R 3218 dated 26th April 1904 requesting me to give my opinion on the question of levying an acreage cess of annas eight, from the ryots holding lands under the Sulekere Tank, Chennagiri Taluk, in lieu of annual silting clearing and maintenance of the same, I have the honor to state that the opinion of the leading ryots of the Taluk has been called for as was resolved upon by Mr. V.P. Madhava Rao (vide copy of this Office Docket No. 6304 dated 25th April 1904 herein enclosed) and that on receipt of it a final report would be submitted to Government. For my part, I consider the rate equitable and a measure of this kind essential where, as in the case of the Sulekere channels, a large number of persons have otherwise to cooperate in working over a wide area, and joint action under the circumstances is seldom feasible. It has worked well elsewhere wherever it has been adopted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. K. Anday

For Revenue Commissioner.

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 T. Madhava Rao*

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From J. Ananda Rao Esq. Dy. Secy.
V. P. MADHAVA RAO, Esq. C.I.E.
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

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.....
The Deputy Commissioner,
..Shenoi.. District.

Dated 20th April 1904

Despatched 25th — do —

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General No. 6304
No.

Enclosure No.

His letter No. 378 dated
8th April '04 forwarding
copy of his letter to the
Chief Engineer in Mysore
containing his ^{views} ~~views~~ on
the proposal to levy extra
assessment on the lands
under the Suleb's tank
and channels

Has the honor to request
that the Deputy Commissioner
will be good enough to obtain
and forward the opinions of the
leading local ^{ryots} ~~ryots~~ also in the
matter

Sd/ J. Ananda Rao
Revenue Commissioner

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N. Gandhi
For Revenue Commissioner
22/10/1940
16/10/1940 Gpd
Sd/

Diary No R 3807 sl 20. 4 ✓

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No. 7533

OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR, IN MYSORE,
Bangalore, 25 May 1904.

FROM T. Ananda Row Esq. B.A.
~~V. P. MADHAVA RAO, Esq., C.M.E.,~~
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO
The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

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In continuation of this Office letter No. 7247 dated 17th May 1904 on the question of levying an ^{acreage} ~~cess~~ cess of 8 annas from the ryots holding lands under the Sulekere Tank, Chonagiri Taluk in lieu of annual silt clearing and maintenance of the same, I have the honor to forward herewith in original letter No. 440 dated 19th May 1904 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, (with 7 enclosures)

2 From the above it will be seen that the owners of lands under the Sulekere Tank residing in the villages of Belal-giri, Tavangi, etc., are willing to pay the proposed ~~Extra~~ ^{CKE} acreage assessment, while the ryots of Krebilche, Kabbalac ~~etc~~ ^{ple} plead their inability to pay it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

T. Ananda
Revenue Commissioner.
W. P. Madhava Rao

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Sub-Particulars

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R 3527
serial no. 28650
From T. Alenda Row Esq. B.
V. P. MADHAVIAH Esq. C.I.E.,
Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 25
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General No. 7533
No.

ENCLOSURE No. 8

Forwarding the opinion of the
leading ryots in re levying a cess
of 8 annas per acre on lands under
the Sulekere Tank and channels,
Chennagiri Taluk, in lieu of
annual silt clearing and main-
tenance of the same.

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Diary No. of letter replied to R3807

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE
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(R.M.)

READ.—

, the 15-11-1904

Date of issue 15-11-04.

Signed by Mr. P. G. D' Souza.

correspondence ending
with letter no: 7533 of the 25th May 04.
from the Rev. George in Mysore re.
the matter of the levy of an
acreage contribution of 8 annas
on the lands below the Silekere

~~ORDER THEREON~~ No.
1000 and its feeder channels
in lieu of the ryots' obligation
to do the silt clearing and
maintenance work annually

Order thereon

In October 1903

over

SUBJECT

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R-4203-12

No. 600-03-4

In 2 files.
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(1 Encl. 7)

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Mr. N. Channengar one of the
holders of lands under the
Sulekere tank in the Behema-
gura Taluk presented a petition
to the Chief Engineer ^{in writing} ~~reporting~~ ^{for}
~~reporting~~ the neglected condition of the
tank and its feeder channels.
The matter was investigated in
the P. W. D. and in March 1904
the Chief Engineer submitted
for sanction an estimate for
Rs 3,278/- for repairing the
channels and proposed to levy,
as in the case ^{the} of Bekalgere and ^{the} Bhee-
masandra tanks, an acreage
cess of 8 annas from the ryots
holding lands under the said Sulekere
tank and channels in lieu
of their obligation to do the
silt clearing and maintenance
work, and in general. To take
over the management of all
the larger irrigation works in the
Province on similar terms.

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

The Rev Commr was thereupon requested to favour Govt with his opinion on the whole question. He reports that while the owners of the lands under the Soolekere tank residing in the Villages of Belalgeri and Tabange are willing to pay the proposed acreage assessment, those of Thebiche, Kabbala, Somlapur, and Kattalgeri plead their inability to pay it.

2. Govt observe that in the case of the Rehalgeri and the Bheemasandra tanks which have been cited as precedents in support of the present proposal, there is the element of consent on the part of the ryots concerned to pay the acreage contribution which is wanting in the case of the Soolekere tank in as much as the ryots of 4 Villages are unwilling to

pay the contribution while those of only two villages have agreed to it. They therefore direct that the present practice of getting the maintenance work done by the Rigo must continue.

3. The neglect of the Rev officers to see that the Rigos' liability is enforced seems universal and is most unsatisfactory. The attention of the Deputy Commissioners of all the Districts is drawn to this matter with the remark that ~~any inclination on anybody's part to neglect of this important duty~~ ^{on the part of any officer} will meet with the severest displeasure at the hands of Government.

4. ~~fact in their Profs~~
No R 1436-45 dated 7.8.04 have already observed that ~~when instances of neglect are brought to their notice, they will have to consider whether better results cannot be~~

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4. In this connection all attention is drawn to G.O No R 1436-45 dated 17.8.04 which makes the officers themselves responsible for the consequences of their indifference to the neglect of this important work. It may be due responsibility for the consequences thereof.
5. In such cases

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

~~Early in the day I have no objection to contribute the labor contribution due on the part of the natives but of money can be~~

if the officer, deems that a money cess save the purposes of maintaining the tanks in an efficient condition better than labor contribution on the part of the natives. It behoves the officer to personally visit the tanks to come to an agreement on the point and then Govt will have no objection to sanction such contribution on their application.

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attained by holding the officers themselves, to whose indifference the lethargy of the reports is due, responsible for the losses caused thereby. The attention of the Deputy Commr is invited again to the said proceedings

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Secretary

The Revenue in Mysore return-
ing enclosure

The Chief Engineer of Mysore with the enclosures to his No 1893 dated the 23rd March 04

The Dy Commr of D.S.